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Happy Holidays From Your Friends at **Marietta BLW**

Everyone here at the Marietta Board of Lights and Water (BLW) wishes you and your family a safe and happy holiday season, and a prosperous new year.

We also thank you for giving us the opportunity to serve you in

2005, and look forward to continuing to provide you with reliable utility services in 2006 and for many years to come. To learn more about what the Marietta BLW can do for you, please visit www.mariettapower.com. ⚡



**ELECTRIC
EXTRAS**



Decorating Safely Will Help Ensure That Your Holiday Season Remains Happy



Decorating for the holidays remains a time-honored tradition here in Marietta and Cobb County.

For that reason, all of us at Marietta Power encourage you to exercise appropriate caution when decking out your home for the

season. After all, an electrical accident can quickly turn a season of joy into a time of sorrow.

To reduce the possibility that an electricity-related accident could spoil your happy holidays, please take the following precautions:

Choose Wisely. When purchasing electric holiday decorations, you should always look for products approved by a nationally recognized certification organization such as Underwriters Laboratories. Likewise, select outdoor decorations that are clearly marked "for outdoor use."

Follow Instructions. Read and follow the use and care instructions that come with your electric decorations. When in doubt, do not plug more than three standard-size sets (UL approved available at retail stores) of lights into a single extension cord.

Inspect Electric Decorations Carefully.

Give each decoration you plan to use a thorough inspection before plugging it in. Discard all lights or other decorations that have cracked or frayed sockets, loose or bare wires, and loose connections, as damaged items could start a fire or may cause a serious shock.

Protect Cords from Traffic. Walking on electrical cords can cause a short that results in a shock or fire hazard. Cords in walking areas can also trip people and cause injuries.

Keep Electric Appliances High and Dry.

Keep electric decorations, plugged-in radios and other appliances away from water features, puddles or any kind of standing water. Remember, water and electricity never mix.

Safeguard Extension Cords. Do not overload extension cords when stringing lights or electric decorations. You should also avoid driving a nail or a staple through electrical cords.

Keep Hot Lights and Flammable Materials Separated. Never allow hot light bulbs to remain in contact with flammable draperies, furnishings or dry landscaping materials, such as loose pine straw. If the bulbs get hot enough, they could cause such materials to catch fire.

Don't Get Left in the Dark When Daylight Saving Time Comes to an End

Why come home in the dark this winter when you can enjoy the safety and security of an outdoor lighting solution from Marietta Power?

Outdoor lighting offers you a variety of benefits:

- **Safety.** Outdoor lights enable you to avoid many potential accidents that can result from stepping on, bumping into or tripping over things you can't see in the dark.
- **Security.** Outdoor lighting provides a strong deterrent to burglars, vandals and other intruders.
- **Convenience.** Outdoor lighting comes on automatically as dusk falls and shuts off again at dawn. So you never have to worry about turning outdoor lights on and off.

- **Zero Maintenance.** If a bulb burns out or light needs maintenance, all you have to do is call Marietta Power.
- **Billing Simplicity.** Marietta Power will add the low monthly fee for an outdoor light to your regular power bill.
- **Your Choice of Style.** Marietta Power will work with you to choose the right fixture. In most cases, you won't be charged extra for installation and maintenance.

So call on your trusted hometown electrical service provider to chase the shadows away from your door. For more information about the security lighting options offered by Marietta Power, please call (770) 794-5102. ⚡

Decorating Safely Will Help Ensure That Your Holiday Season Remains Happy (continued)

Treat Yourself to GFCIs. Plugging outdoor electric decorations and lights into ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) will provide an extra measure of protection against electric shocks. You can get portable outdoor GFCIs at most hardware, home improvement or electrical supply stores.

Turn Decorations off Before Turning In.

You should also turn lighting decorations off before leaving home. You always want someone present, awake and ready to respond if a light string or decoration shorts out and starts a fire.

For more information on electric safety, please visit www.mariettapower.com. ⚡

Calendar of Events

Now through December 11

The Native American Indian Marietta/Cobb Museum of Art

Visit www.mariettacobbartmuseum.org or call (770) 528-1444 for more information.

Now through January 15

Home for the Holidays: 100 Years of Christmases

Marietta Museum of History
Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., Sunday, 1 until 4 p.m.
Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for seniors and students, and free for members and children under 6. Call (770) 528-0430 for more information.

Thursday, November 3, 10 and 17

The Stitchery at East Cobb Senior Center

East Cobb Senior Center. 10 a.m. to noon. An adventure in needlecraft. Call (770) 509-4900 or visit www.cobb seniors.org for more information.

November 4 and 5

Marietta Center for Advanced Academics presents "A Walk Through Time" Living History Museum

Marietta Square
Friday, November 4, 7-10 p.m. and Saturday, November 5, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Call (770) 672-0506 for more information.

November 15 through December 31

1940s Radio Hour

Theatre in the Square
Marietta
Visit www.theatreinthesquare.com or call (770) 422-8369 for more information.

November 22 through December 31

The Sanders Family Christmas

Theatre in the Square
Marietta
Visit www.theatreinthesquare.com or call (770) 422-8369 for more information.

November 25 through 27

Ruth Mitchell Dance Theatre Presents "The Nutcracker"

Jennie T. Anderson Theatre
Marietta
Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Sunday 2 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.
\$18 for adults, \$15 for students and seniors. Call (770) 426-0007 for information.

November 25 through January 1

"Lights of Life" Christmas Light Show

Life University Campus
Marietta
Lights are on from 6 p.m. through midnight on Fridays and Saturdays, and from 6 p.m. until 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday. Free to the public. Donations of \$5 per car are suggested. Call (770) 426-2653 for more information.